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Fundraising efforts planned for student-run station

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Nearly 40 people attended a meeting Wednesday to discuss fundraising for a student-run radio station.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and was held in Dining Room A of the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

"The word of the day is fundraising," said Jim Rutter, Miami

junior. "Right now we need to raise about \$350 for an engineering study."

Rutter said the study needs to be conducted to determine what frequencies are available in the Oklahoma City area.

He also said he had received a sample budget from the student-run KUBC in Boulder, Colo.

"They had a \$20,000 budget," he said. "I'm estimating from that to \$50,000 to get this off the

ground."

Taylor Wilken, Chicago sophomore, said it will take about six months to get a license from the FCC. He also said the station would broadcast at about 3,000 watts.

"That will give us a range over the campus, all of Norman and maybe even parts of Moore," he said.

Petition organizers will try to organize concert fundraisers, cor-

poration grants and funding from the privately-owned union, Wilken said.

"Over the summer we should be making a business proposal to union's board of trustees," Wilken said.

"That's about 5 percent of the population," he said. "That's a controlling interest so the funding situation is starting to look better."

And Rutter said the reception from Norman merchants was

but in my opinion I think we need it."

Lang said a total of 1,352 signatures had been collected in a petition drive stating support for the station.

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